GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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INDIAN LEGAL SERVICE
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the legal consultants of official language wing (Hindi Branch) of the legislative department of the Ministry of Law and Justice, have been included in the Indian Legal Service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFLAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY):

(a) No,Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Officers of the Official Language Wing (Hindi Branch) of the Legislative Department of the Ministry of Law and Justice have not been included in the Indian Legal Service of the Legislative Department on the following grounds:â€”

(i) Indian Legal Services Officers in the Legislative Department are responsible for drafting the Bills, Ordinances, Acts, Rules, Regulations and other legal documents whereas the Officers of the Official Languages Wing (LD) are responsible for preparing translation of the said documents in Hindi/regional Languages. As such, it can not be concluded that the Officers of the Official Languages Wing (LD) are performing the same or similar nature of duties as those of the Officers of the Indian Legal Service of the Legislative Department (Main Wing).

(ii) The Indian Legal Services Officers, in the main Secretariat and Legislative Counsels in the Official Languages Wing are governed by separate set of Recruitment Rules.

(iii) The Officers in the Official Languages Wing belong to the `General Central Service` whereas the Officers of the Indian Legal Service belong to an organized Central Civil Service.